6.   EMERGENCY BUTTON ACTIVATION

6.1   GENERAL

Responder safety is a top priority of York County DES. Each portable radio is equipped with an emergency button to alert all users on the network of an emergency. All radios with the trunked radio system transmit a unique radio identifier (ID) on each push to talk (PTT). The ID appears on each radio that is set to the same talk group as well as the Dispatcher's console. The emergency button is to be used as a last resort. Mayday or Signal 13 procedures should be used first if possible.

6.2   EMERGENCY ACTIVATION

- Press and hold for 2 ½ seconds

- Radio will BEEP and will display TX EMER

- **GIVE YOUR LOCATION**

- Radio transmits for 10 seconds – hands free

- Emergency condition will be displayed at the console position with audible as well as visual display.

- Other field unit radios will display RX EMER

6.2A   Dispatcher will treat all activations as an emergency until verified by transmitting the following message:

- Unit # Check your Display

- If no response - it will be handled as an emergency

- Back up units will be dispatched

6.2B   For Police emergencies, all available police units and PSP will be advised of the call. EMS will be sent if it is obvious there are injuries. The chief of the affected department will be notified as soon as possible.

6.2C   For EMS emergencies, 2 police units will be dispatched. A BLS unit will be dispatched to stage. ALS will be dispatched

if an ALS unit is declaring the emergency. The EMS OIC will be notified as soon as possible.

6.2D   For Fire emergencies, the Mayday policy will be followed. If it is a non-fire related emergency (shooting, etc), 2 police units will be dispatched. EMS will be sent if there are injuries. The Fire Chief will be notified as soon as possible.

6.3   ACCIDENTAL ACTIVATION

–   Radio will BEEP

–   Display will show TX EMER

–   Radio will be locked

–   **DO NOT TURN THE RADIO OFF**

–   Call the dispatcher and advise them that it was an accidental activation and wait for the dispatcher to clear the radio.

–   Field units CAN NOT clear the radio. The Dispatcher must clear the radio.